To Ranelagh went Mistress Pam,
Sweet Mistress Pam so fair and merry,
With cheek of cream and roses blent,
With voice of lark and lip of cherry.
Then all the beaux vow'd 'twas their duty
To win and wear this country Beauty. And first Frank Lovelace tried his wit.
With whispers bold and eyes still bolder;
The warmer grew his saucy fiame.
Cold grew the charming fair and colder.
Twas "tey bosom"—"cruel beauty"—
To love, sweet Mistress, 'tis a duty."

Then Jack Carew his arts essayed,
With honeyed sighs and feigned weeping
Good lack! his billets bound the curls
That pretty Pam she wore a sleeping.
Sext day these curls had richer beauty,
So well Jack's fervor did its duty.

Then Cousin Will came up to view
The way Pamela ruled the fashion;
He watched the gallants crowd about,
And flew into a rustic passion
Left "Squire, his mark," on divers faces,
and pinked Carew beneath his laces.

Alack! one night at Ranelagh
The pretty Sly-boots feil a-blushing;
And all the mettled bloods look'd round
To see what caused that telltale flushing.
Up stepp'd a grizzled Foet Fellow
To dance with Pam a saitarello.

Then Jack and Frank and Will resolved,
With hand on sword and cutting glances,
That they would lead that Graybeard forth
To livelier tunes and other dances.
But who that saw Pam's eyes a-shining
With love and joy would see her pining? And-cons! Their wrath cool'd as they looked-That Poet stared as fierce as any! He was a mighty proper man, With blade on hip and inches many. The beaux all vow'd it was their duty To toast some newer, softer Beauty.

Sweet Pam she bridled, blush'd, and smiled—
The wild thing loved and could but show it!
Mayhap some day you'll see in town
Pamels and her grizzled Poet.
For sooth he taught the rogue her duty,
And won her faith, her love, her beauty.

—(Harper's for February.

BYRON.

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH. On a certain night in 1785, when Mrs. Siddons was acting at Edinburgh, the play being "The Fatal Marriage" and the character Isabella, a young lady of Aberdeenshire, Miss Catherine Gordon, of Gight, was amongst the audience. There is a point in that tragedy at which Isabella recognizes her first husband, whom she had supposed to be dead and in whose absence she had been married to another, and her consternation, grief and rapture are sudden and excessive. Mrs. Siddons, at that point, always made a great effect. The words are, "Oh, my Biron, my Biron!" On this night, at the moment when the wonderful actress sent forth her wailing and heart-piercing ery as she uttered those words. Miss Gordon, of Gight, gave a frantic scream, fell into violent hysteries, and was borne out of the theatre,-still repeating "Oh, my Biron, my Biron!" At the time of this incident it does not appear that she had ever met the man by whom she was afterward wedded -the Hon, John Byron, whose wife she became about a year later. Their first-born and only child was George Gordon, afterward Lord Byron, the poet; and among the many aspects of his life which impress the thoughtful reader of that strange and melancholy story none is more striking than the dramatic aspect-so strangely prefigure in this

may be considered to have spent its force. It is a hundred years since he was born and sixty-four years since he ded. Everybody who wished to say a word against him has had ample opportunity for saying it, and there is evidence that this opportunity has not been neglected. The record was long ago made up. The story was long ago told. Everybody knows that Byroa's conduct was sometimes deformed with frenzy and stained with vice. Ever body knows that Byron's writings are occasionally mirred with profanity and licentionsness, and that they contain a considerable quantity of trash. If he had never been married, or if, being married, his domestic life had not ended in disaster and scandal, personal reputation would stand higher than it does at present in the esteem of society. If about one-third of what he wrote had never been published his reputation as a man of letters would stand higher than it now does in the esteem of the best indges of inerary art. After an exhaustive discussion of the subject in every possible aspect of it, after every variety of hostile assault and after praise sounded in every key of enthusiasm and in every language of the world, these truths remain. It is a pity that Reron was not a virtuous man and a good husband. It is a pity that he was not a better literary artist, that he wrote so much, and that he published almost everything that he wrote. Bur, when all this has been said, it remains a solid and immovable fact that Byron was a great poet, and that he continues to be a great power in the literature and in the life of the world. Nobody who pretents to read anything ever omits to read

To touch this complex and delicate subject in only a superficial manuer it may not be amiss to say that the world is under obligation to Byron, if for nathing else, for the spectacle of a most romantic, impressive and instructive life. His agency in that speciacle, no doubt, was involuntary, but all the same he presented it. He was a true poet; a man of genius; his faculty of expression was colossal, and his conduct was absolutely genuine. No man in literature ever lived who lived himself more fully. Even his assumptions of disguise only made him more obvious and transparent. He kept nothing back. His heart was laid absolutely bare. We know even more about him than we know about Dr. Johnson-who never could have dropped an h without having it picked up by his biographer-and still his personality endures the test of our knowledge and remains unique, romantic, fascinating, prolific of moral admonition and infinitely pathetic. Byron in poetry, like Edmund Kean in acting, is a figure that completely fills the imagination, profoundly stirs the heart, and never ceases to impress and charm, even while it afflicts, the sensitive mind. This consideration alone, viewed apart from the obligation that the world owes to the better part of his writings, is vastly significant of the great personal force that is

inherent in the name and mamory of Byron. It has been considered necessary to account for the sadness and gloom of Byron's poetry by representing him to have been a criminal afflicted with remorse for his many and hideous crimes. His widow, evidently a monomaniae, after long brooding over the remembrance of a calamitous married life -brief, but unhappy and terminated in separation -whispered against him, and against his halfsister, an atrocious charge; and this, to the shame and disgrace of American literature, was brought forward a few years ago by a distinguished female writer of America, much noted for her works of fiction, and especially memorable for this one. The explanation of the mental distress exhibited in the poet's writings was thought to be effectually provided in that disclosure. But, as this disgraceful, revolting and inhu nan story-deseerating graves, insuling a great and noble grains, and casting rofamy upon the name of a sweet, affectionate, faithful and virtuous woman-fell to pieces the moment it was examined, the student of Byron's griet-stricken nature remained no wiser than before this figment of a diseased imagination had been divulged. Surely, however, it ought not to be considered myster ous that Byron's poetry is often sad. The nest poetry of all the poets is touched with sadness. "Hamlet" has never been mistaken for a merry preduction. "Macbeth" and "King Lear" do not commonly produce laughter. Shelley and Keats sing as near to heaven's gate as anybody, and both of them are essentially sad. Scott was as brave and manly and cheery as any poet that ever lived, and Scott's poetry is at its best in his airges. The "Elegy" and "The Ancient Mariner" certainly are great poons, but neither of them is festive. Byron often wrote sadly because he was, naturally, a man of a melancholy temperament, and because he deeply felt the pathos of mortal life, the awful mystery with which it is surrounded, the pain with which it is usually attended, the tragedy with which it commonly is accompanied, the frail tenure with which its loves and hopes are held, and the inexorable death with which it is continually environed and at last extinguished. And Byron was an unhappy

man for the reason that possessing every elemental natural quality in excess, his exquisite goodness was constantly outraged and tortured by his inordinate evil. The tempest, the clanger, and the agony of his writings are denotements of the struggle between good and evil that was perpetually afflicting his soul. Had he been the wicked man de-ploted by his detractors as would have lived a life of comfortable depravity and never would have

written at all. Monsters do not suffer. The true appreciation of Byron is not that of youth but that of manhood. Youth is captured by his pictorial and sentimental attributes. Youth beholds him as a nautical Adonis, standing lonely upon a barren cliff, and gazing at a stormy sunset over the Ægean Sea. Everybody knows that familiar picture-with the wide turn-over collar, the great eyes, the wild hair, and the ample neckcloth flowing on the breezs. It is very pretty, but it is not a bit like the real man. If ever at any time he was that sentimental guy he speedily outgrew that condition, just as those observers of him who truly understand Byron have long outgrown their juvenile sympathy with that frail and puny ideal of a great poet. Manhood perceives a very different individual and is captured by a very different attraction. It is only when the first extravagant and effusive enthusiasm has run its course, and perhaps ended in revulsion, that we come to know Byron for what he is really worth, and to feel th tremendous power of his genius. Sentimental folly has commemorated him on the margin of Hyde Park in London, as in the fancy of many a callow youth and green girl, with the statue of a pretty sailor-lad waiting for a spark from heaven, while a big Newfoundland dog dozes at his feet. It is a poor and pitiful caricature. Byron was a man, and a man terribly in earnest; and it is only by earnest men that his mind and works are understood. At this distance of time the seandals of a corrupt age, equally with the frailties of its most brilliant and most illustrious poetical genius, may well be left to rest in the oblivion of the grave. The generation that is living at the close of the nineteenth century will remember of Byren only that he was the uncompromising friend of liberty and popular rights that he did neh to emancipate the human mind from every form of bigotry and tyranny; that he augmented, as no man had done since Dryden, the power and flexibility of our noble English tongue, and that he enriched literature with passages of poetry which, for sublimity, beauty, tenderness and eloquence, have seldom been equalled and have never been excelled. WILLIAM WINTER.

LENOX.

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GOSSIP. Lenox, Jan. 21.—The people are all agog because it is announced that President and Mrs. Cleveland will visit Lenox next season as the guests of Secretary and Mrs. Whitney. A gentleman says that Mrs. Cleveland wanted to come up to this resort last season, but she concluded to go to a more quiet place. The plan now is for Mrs. Cleveland to come up to Lenox during the most attractive part of the season and visit Secretary and Mrs. Whitney for several weeks, and that just before the time arrives for her to return to Washington the President will come up and spend as much time as possible among the hills. It is further announced that General Greeley and his family will spend a part of the summer in Pittsfield. and that Mrs. Cleveland will pay them a short visit while she remains in the country. Greeleys are on very intimate terms with Scrato. Dawes and his family, and Miss Anna Dawes spen Dawes and his failing, and siss same seeks as a guest of General Greeley last summer while Mrs. Cleveland was visiting the General, and it is said that Mrs. Cleveland will remain with Miss Dawes for a few days at the Senator's home in Pittsfield.

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There promises to be a greater throng of people at this resort next season than ever before. Many who usually spend the season elsewhere will come up here next season.

I. W. Bishep's new residence will be completed about the 1st of May, and he expects to be settled in it by June 1. The Freimphuysen residence is about completed, and it is being heated this winter so that the paint will be thoroughly dried by the time the family get ready to occupy it. The residence is too large and stately to be called a cottage. It is built in the old colonial fashion, and is one of the finest residences in town. It cost nearly \$100,000 without the lot, for which about \$30,000 was paid.

There seems to be some delay about beginning the buildings for the Meadow Club. It is now said that nothing will be done until spring opens.

A. C. Kingsland, of New-York, is now in town locking after the construction of his new residence, which will be completed for next season. The architecture of the aouse is attractive, and the internal finish will be costly.

J. S. Smith has sold bis place on Cliffwood-st. to M. A. Brown for \$7^{-4.9}.

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